

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, immediately after the title, please delete the present heading and replace as follows: :

~~Description~~ Background of the Invention.

On page 3, line 16, please insert the following heading:

~~--Summary of the Invention--~~

On page 3, line 17, through page 4, line 9, please amend these two paragraphs as follows:

~~The solution of this object, together with advantageous embodiments and further developments, can be gleaned from the content of the patent claims that follow this description.~~

~~The basic concept of the invention is that the holder is provided with a T-shaped head having arms that extend laterally relative to its longitudinal axis, and the connector is provided with abutments positioned opposite the arms of the holder, and that on the outer longitudinal sides of head and connector, the holder is provided with a T-shaped head having arms that extend laterally to its longitudinal axis and the connector has abutments positioned opposite the arms of the holder, and that on the outer longitudinal sides of head and connector, at least one spring is provided that is disposed between the arm of the holder and the abutment of the connector, and the spring counteracts a tension force of the safety belt.~~

The fastening arrangement of the present application comprises a holder for securing to a vehicle, wherein the holder is provided with a T-shaped head having arms that extend laterally relative to the longitudinal axis of the holder; a connector that is moveably disposed, against spring force, on the holder, wherein the connector is adapted to be connected to a belt buckle or a belt strap loop, and wherein the connector is provided with abutments positioned opposite the arms of the holder; a magnet and a magnetic field sensor disposed on the holder and the connector, wherein relative movement between the magnet and the magnetic field sensor

caused by displacement of the connector relative to the holder, which displacement is effected by tension acting on the safety belt, is converted into a signal that corresponds to the acting belt force; first springs provided on outer longitudinal sides of the holder and the connector, wherein respective ones of the springs extend between each of the arms of the holder and an oppositely disposed abutment of the connector, and wherein these springs counteract a tension force of the safety belt of belt buckle; and a compensation spring that is disposed between, and is respectively supported on, the holder and connector, wherein the compensation spring, without a tension force acting on the connector, prestresses the connector relative to the holder against nearly relaxed ones of the first springs with a spring force that is set low.

On page 11, line 13, please insert the following heading:

--Brief Description of the Drawings--

On page 13, line 4, please insert the following heading:

--Description of Specific Embodiments--.

On page 20, after line 8, please insert the following two new paragraphs:

--The specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of German priority document 102 17 227.7 filed April 18, 2002 and PCT/EP03/03965 filed April 16, 2003.

The present invention is, of course, in no way restricted to the specific disclosure of the specification and drawings, but also encompasses any modifications within the scope of the appended claims.

In addition, please add the following abstract to the specification:

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fastening arrangement for a safety belt is provided and includes a holder for securing to a vehicle. The holder has a T-shaped head with laterally extending arms. A connector is moveably disposed, against spring action on the holder and is connected to a belt buckle strap

loop. A magnet and magnetic field sensor are disposed on the holder and connector. Relative movement between them, caused by displacement of the connector relative to the holder, is converted into a signal that corresponds to acting belt force. First springs are provided on outer longitudinal sides of the holder and connector and respectively extend between the arms of the holder and an oppositely disposed abutment of the connector to counteract tension force of the safety belt or buckle. The compensation spring is disposed between the holder and connector and, without a tension force acting on the connector, prestresses the connector relative to the holder against nearly relaxed first springs with a low spring force.